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For: Taper-Lock Laser Weld For an Air Induction Component

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A 21-page patent application  
☒ 3 sheets of drawings - ☒ Formal ☐ Informal  
☒ An Assignment of the invention to Siemens VDO Automotive, Inc.  
☒ A certified copy of a \_\_\_\_\_ application.  
☒ A Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.  
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☒ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.  
☒ PTO Form 1449 with copies of patents cited in specification. (IDS).  
☒ Preliminary Amendment.  
☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
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